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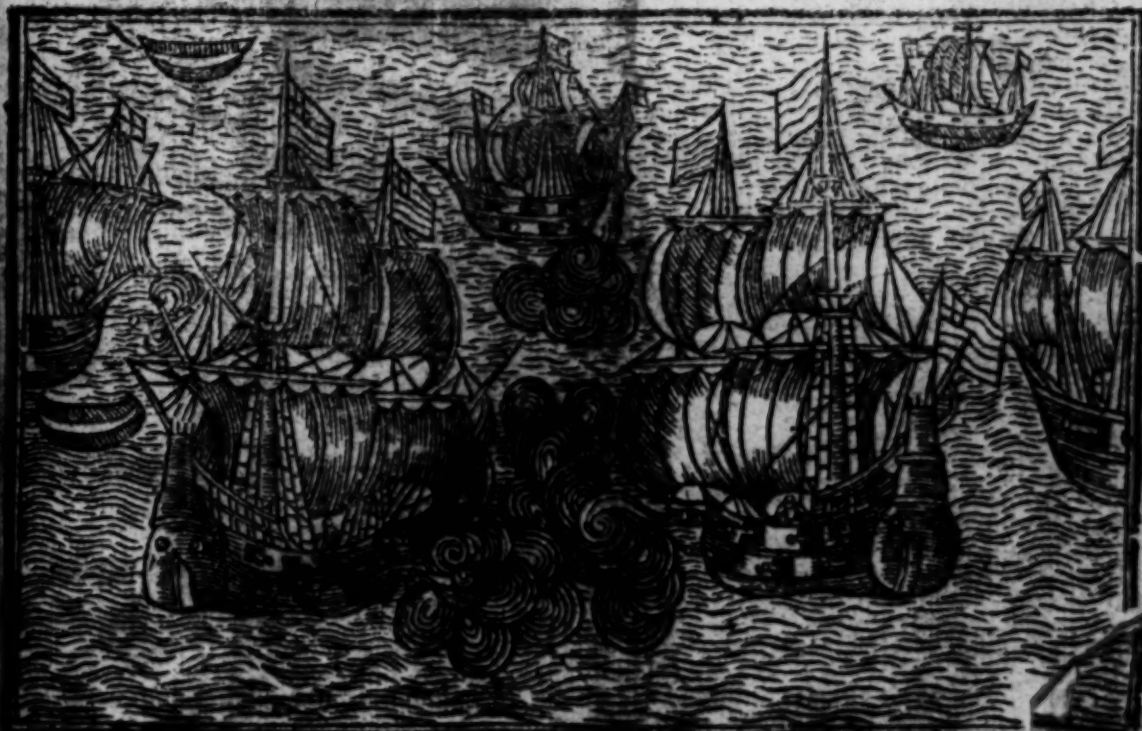
BETWEEN

The *Parliament* of England's Fleet, commanded by General *Blague*, and Prince *Ru-*
perts Navie, neer *Carthaginia* Road, upon the Coast of *Spain*: With a most true and infallible
Narrative of the manner of the Fight, continuing for the space of 7 houres; the number of
ships sunk, burnt, and taken, with 500 Pieces of Ordnance; the number of men killed, sunk,
and taken, and Colonel *Welch*, the Rear-Admiral, drowned, with 700 Officers and Sea-men:
the total routing and dispersing of the whole Navie; the manner of Prince *Ruperts* getting off
and flying away with the *Swallow*; the retaking of the *London-Marygold*, and the rest of the
Malligo Fleet; and a List of the names of both Navies. The Declaration of the King of *Spain*,
concerning Prince *Ruperts*, and the *Parliament*, and his setting forth 40 Sayl of Ships & Gallies.
With the Desires of King *John* of *Portingal*, touching the States of *England*.

Certified by several Letters from Madrid in Spain, to Marchants at the Royal Exchange in
London on Saturday last; and printed to be published in all Cities, and Market-Townes,
throughout *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and *Wales*.

FOR THE PRINCE.

FOR THE PARLIAMENT.



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A great Fight at Sea, between Prince
Ruperts Fleet, and the *Parliament*
 of ENGLAND.

BY Letters from *Madrid* in *Spain*, we
 have received a true and infallible
 Narrative of the great and bloody fight,
 between Prince *Rupert* and Gen: *Blague*,
 Admiral for the *Parliament* of *England*,
 the manner thus. Gen. *Blague* having
 received intelligence of Prince *Ruperts*
 sailing towards the Coast of *Spain*, with
 a Resolution to surprize the *Malligo*
 Fleet, bound for *England*, left no means

unattempted, for the preventing his design; but it so fell out, that before he could come up to secure them, they were all surprized by the Enemy; insomuch, that Prince Ruperts pride was so exceedingly heightned, that he swore God dam him, Blaque should never return to England alive, but that he would have him, within a dayes time, either alive or dead, and was now resolved to fight him; in order whereunto, gave out, that each Ship should prepare for battery, for that he had received information, that the English Fleet were within six Leagues of them; which indeed, he soon found to be truth, for within two hours time, they discovered severall Sail of Ships making towards them, and with a Prospective Glasse discovered the English Colours, which did not a little dant the courage of this vanting Prince: insomuch, that he seemed to decline Engagement, and with a half Gale, endeavoured to make from them; whereupon, Gen. Blaque with all haste made after to them, and divine providence so decreed his expedition, that by a fair Gale of wind, he soon came within Cannon shot of them, their Rear Admiral the Convertine, and with the English Vice-Admiral, gave them a broad side, Prince Rupert answered with another,

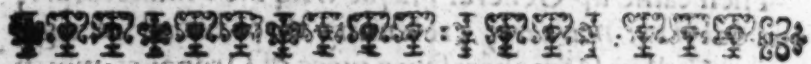
ther Volley, and seconded the first with two broad sides from the *Swallow*; after which, the rest of the Fleets came near each other; in-
somuch, that divers times they vvere upon the motion of grapling and boarding, the Dispute being very hot, and with great gallantry performed on both sides.

Then came up General *Blaque* with the *Bonadventure*, and *Constant-Warwick*, presenting three broad sides, giving a Volley from threescore piece of Ordnance; which was well taken, and again answer'd; till at the last, the *Elizabeth Frigate*, carrying forty piece of Canon, came in by the leeward, and having resolutely discharged all her Guns against one of Prince *Ruperts* ships, called the *Lewis of France*, immediately fell to grappling and boarding; but finding the work somewhat difficult, presently betook themselves to their fire-works, casting hundreds of Granado's aboard the *French*, and within a quarter of an hour, fired her tacklings, burnt all her sayls, which fire, with great vehemency, soon descended down, both to deck and keel, the fiercenesse whereof, could not possibly be allay'd or quenched; so that she presently sunk, with 44 pieces of Ordnance, and about one hundred men there perished in the sea.

No sooner was this achievement accomplished, but another Trophy attended the English, for by the dexterity and courage of the rest of our Mariners, they fired two more of the Princes ships, took five, dispersed the rest, some running themselves aground, to the end, the men might get ashore, and Prince *Rupert* narrowly escaped with the *Swallow* and another ship, both exceedingly rent and torn. This fight continued for the space of seven
hours,

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hours, victory seeming very dubious a long time, till at the last, it pleased Divine Providence, to crown his saints and servants, with triumphant success and merces, in not onely giving a dreadful blow to the adversary, but also by retaking the *London Marigold*, and the rest of the *Malliga* Fleet, which are of great value and estimation. For the further particulars hereof, I shall refer thee to the ensuing Letter.



Another Letter in confirmation of the aforesaid Fight.

SIR,

IT hath pleased God to appear wonderful-ly for the Parliaments Navy at Sea, as well as to their Army at Land, having given them a great Victory over their most insolentest Enemy, as appears by this ensuing Narrative, viz. about the 4. of this instant Decemb. Gen. Blake with about 13 Sayl. a List whereof I have here inclosed. met with P. Rupert near Carthagina, upon the Coast of Spain, consisting of 27 Sayl. or thereabouts; and after a bloody Fight, fired
some

some of them sunk others; dispersed the rest,
 the Prince getting off only with two Ships;
 all which was performed with little losse on
 the Parliaments side, having about 30 slain
 and 60 wounded: Our intelligence from
 Carthagina saith, that P. Maurice perished
 in the Sea, being in one of the Ships that
 were sunk, that Col. Welch the Rear-Ad-
 miral is also drowned, and about 40 other
 Commanders of note, 700 Seamen, with at
 least 500 piece of Cannon. In this fight di-
 vers Portugals perished, being very resolute
 and stout Mariners. We hear that King
 John of Portugal desires a peace with the
 Parl. of England, His Maj. of Spain hath
 likewise declared to be assistant to the Parl.
 of England; General Blaque is at present
 upon the Coast of Spain, some of his Fleet
 are gone into the Downs,

Carthagina 12 December,

1650,

A List of the two Fleets, and the number of Ships, Men,
and Ordnance, sunk and taken,

Gen. Blagie's Fleet.		Prince Rupert's Fleet.	
Leopard	50 Guns.	Swallow	44 Guns
Bonadventure	42	Convertine	40
Happy Entrance	42	Lewis of France	40
Eliz. Frigate	42	Royal Dolphin	40
Warwick.	32	Royal John of	
Expedition	30	Portugal.	40
John	30	And about 22 other Ships	
Phoenix	20	and Frigats.	
And about five more.		Sunk	5
3 Ships gone to General		Burnt	3
Blague.		Routed the whole Navy.	
Guns.		Killed about	700
Centurion	42	Sunk and taken five hun-	
Swiftsure	38	dred piece of Ordnance.	
Forelight	38	Prince Rupert narrowly	
Pellican	38	escaped with the Swal-	
Ginny Frigate	20	low and one more.	

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